

The Prime Minister Is In...Again!

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In his ongoing disdain for openness, accountability, transparency, and the "free" press in a democracy, and on a day of great manufactured import, Prime Minister Steve has given the national media a whopping 17 minutes notice for his statement to the press.

Artificial confidence motions around the [crime bill](#) and [Afghanistan mission extension](#) couched Parliament Hill today. Yet in keeping with Steve's reluctance to permit the media any real access to him, the PMO or cabinet, his communications staff sent an email [below] giving all media in the country 17 minutes to get to the Commons foyer for a Steve statement. Hurry! Hurry hard!

I can count on two hands the number of times Prime Minister Steve has stooped to speak to the media in 2 years. [The last time Steve did this was in October](#). Then he gave 67 minutes notice. Perhaps now he has effectively trained the media so they only need 17 minutes lead time.

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Public events for February 12, 2007

February 12, 2008

Ottawa, Ontario

Public event for Prime Minister Stephen Harper for today, Tuesday February 12th is:

12:00 p.m. – Prime Minister Stephen Harper will make a brief statement.

Foyer
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Open to media

The Prime Minister's Office - Communications

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